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To: Vice-Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executives of the OERu partners.

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Invitation: 4thth meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers

The OER universitas (OERu) is an international innovation partnership of "like-minded" institutions from six major regions of the world who through their community service agendas are widening access to more affordable education opportunities for learners excluded from the formal sector using open education approaches. Our network will be launching the **OERu first year of study** in the near future leading to two exit credentials from our partner institutes.

The **OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers** was established in 2013 and functions as an assembly of senior leaders called together for consultation, deliberation and discussion on strategic OERu futures.

I'm writing today to extend a formal invitation to the Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of the OERu partners (or their senior leader nominees) to attend the **4th meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers** on the morning of 5 October 2016 to be hosted by the University of the Highlands and Islands, in Inverness, Scotland.

The meeting of Chief Executive's meeting will follow the 2016 OERu international partner's meeting on 3 and 4 October 2016. Details relating to these events are provided in Annex B.

During the meeting, we will:

- Review progress with the implementation of the OERu Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017;
- Consider decisions for the launch and implementation of the OERu first year of study
- Consider and approve recommendations arising from the 2015 meeting of OERu partners;

We have published a website for the OERu 2016 meetings which provides suggestions for transport and accommodation: <http://meetings.oeru.org/>

Please RSVP by completing the online registration form (oer.nz/v) by **31 August 2015**, or by sending an email directly to Wayne Mackintosh, Director of the OER Foundation and UNESCO-ICDE Chair in OER, wayne@oerfoundation.org.

I look forward to welcoming you personally to the Scottish Highlands for the first series of OERu meetings to be hosted in Europe.

Yours sincerely



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Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Vice-Chair, Executive Committee of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers



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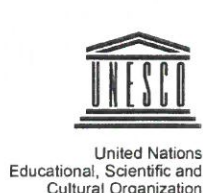
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1. OERu 16.09 Open planning consultation	
When	September (Dates to be confirmed)
Where	Online virtual meetings
Who	Open community, interested people and staff from OERu anchor partners
Purpose	Discussions to inform the meeting agendas and prepare inputs for the 5 th international meeting of OERu partners.
Hosts	OER Foundation

2. OERu 16.10 International meeting of OERu partners	
When	3 and 4 October 2016 (All day meetings)
Where	Inverness, University of the Highlands and Islands
Who	Staff, Managers and Chief Executives from OERu partner institutions and observers
Purpose	5 th meeting of OERu partners to discuss strategy and plan for the launch of the OERu 1 st year of study.
Host	University of the Highlands and Islands.
Website	http://meetings.oeru.org/

4. 4th meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers	
When	5 October 2016 (9:00am to 2:00pm)
Where	Inverness, University of the Highlands and Islands
Who	Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executives of OERu anchor partners (or senior leader nominees).
Purpose	Review outputs of the partners meeting and consider proposals for the implementation of the OERu 1 st year of study.
Host	Professor Clive Mulholland, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of the Highlands and Islands and Deputy Chair of the OERu Council of CEOs.